Increase in Allocation of Commodities for Public Distribution to States

3669. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice, wheat, kerosene, sugar and palmolien oil released to Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Assam during 1995-96 and 1996-97 for public distribution;

(b) the requirement of these commodities in these States for public distribution; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the present allocation of these commodities to the above States in case of shortfall between the demand and allocation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The quantity of rice, wheat, kerosene, sugar and palmolein allocated and lifted by Governments of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Assam during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 under PDS is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 78]

(b) and (c) It may observed from the figures given in Annexures that lifting by the State Governments is less than the allocation. However, with effect from 1.6.1997 allocation of foodgrains to all States will be made in accordance with the guidelines issued for Targeted Public Distribution System. A copy of the Guidelines of the Targeted Public Distribution System has already been laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Edible Oil and Oilseeds

3670. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to adverse weather conditions this year the production of edible oils and oilseeds is likely to suffer a set back;

(b) if so, the estimated production of oils and oilseeds, and the State-wise break-up of such yield this year; and

(c) the comparative figures for the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Production of oilseeds for year 1996-97 is likely to be 242.0 lakh MTs against the target of 230.0 lakh MTs.

(b) and (c) No authentic information about the state-wise production of edible oils is available. However, the production of oilseeds and edible oils estimated on All-India basis during the past three years are given below:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Production of Oilseeds (estimated)	Estimated production of edible oils.
1994-95	213.4	62.54
1995-96	224.2	64.26
1996-97	242.0 (likely)	66.51*

*Based on target of 230 lakh MTs of oilseeds.